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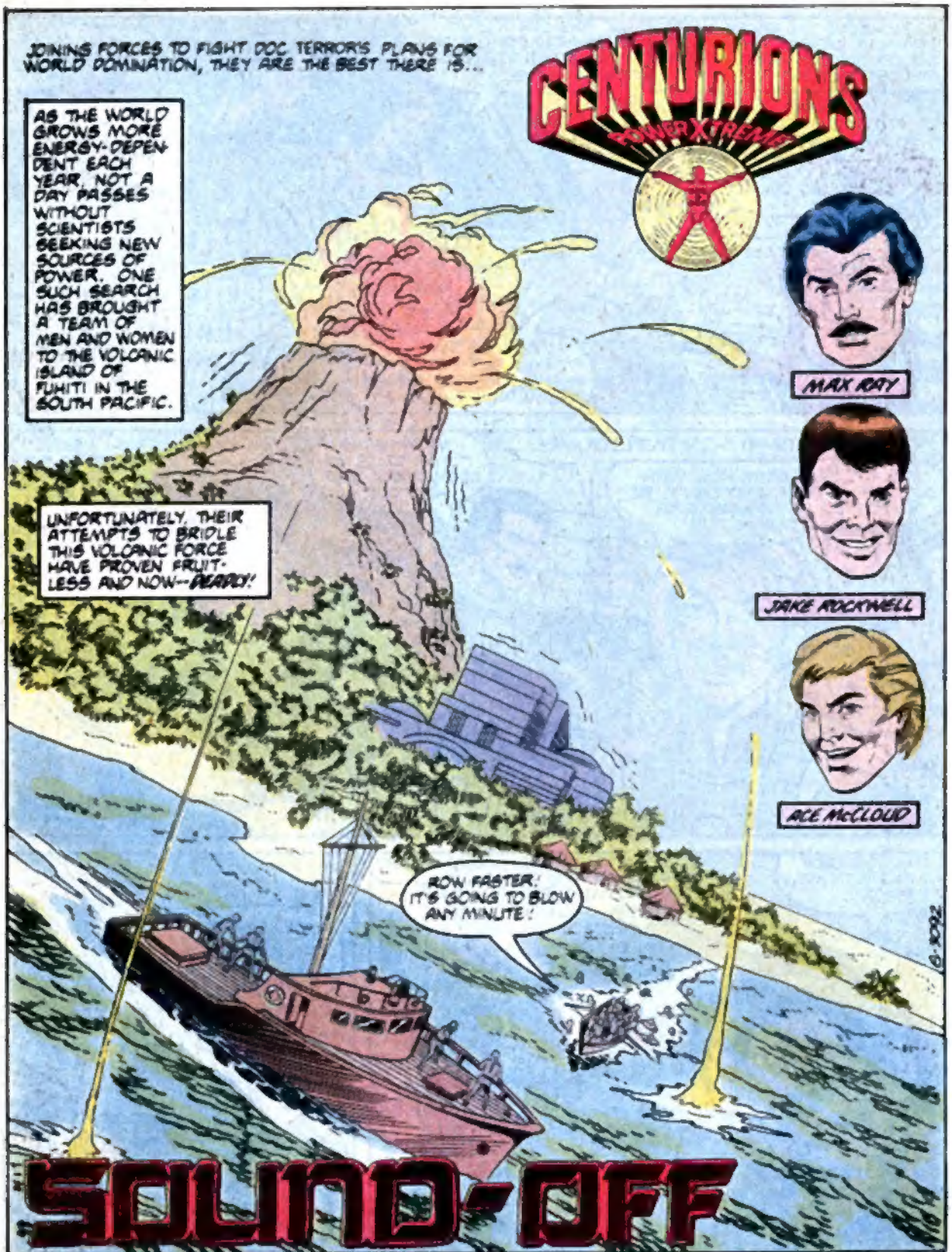
JOINING FORCES TO FIGHT DOC TERROR'S PLANS FOR WORLD DOMINATION, THEY ARE THE BEST THERE IS...
CENTURIONS
POWER XTREME
AS THE WORLD GROWS MORE ENERGY-DEPENDENT EACH YEAR, NOT A DAY PASSES WITHOUT SCIENTISTS SEEKING NEW SOURCES OF POWER. ONE SUCH SEARCH HAS BROUGHT A TEAM OF MEN AND WOMEN TO THE VOLCANIC ISLAND OF FUHITI IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.
MAX ARAY
UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR ATTEMPTS TO BRIDLE THIS VOLCANIC FORCE HAVE PROVEN FRUITLESS AND NOW--DEADLY!
JAKE ROCKWELL
ACE McCLOUD
ROW FASTER! IT'S GOING TO BLOW ANY MINUTE!
SOUND-OFF

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MILES ABOVE THE EARTH INSIDE SKYVAULT, CRYSTAL KANE AND THE CENTURIONS VIEW THE SCENE OF DESTRUCTION...
THE EARTH ISN'T AS PREDICTABLE AS YOU'D LIKE TO BELIEVE, CRYS.
THE FUH!? PROJECT IS TURNING INTO A NIGHTMARE! HOW COULD EVERYTHING HAVE GONE OUT OF CONTROL SO QUICKLY?
I REALIZE THAT, JAKE. BUT I ALSO REALIZE THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO.
JUST BEAM THOSE PEOPLE UP HERE.
IT'S NOT THAT EASY, ACE. WITHOUT EXO-FRAMES, THEY CAN'T BE TELEPORTED ANYWHERE WITH OUR SET-UP.
WHICH MEANS IT'S UP TO US TO BEAM DOWN AND HELP OUT!
LAST ONE TO THE TELEPORTER IS A ROPED CALF!
SEND CRUISER ALONG WITH ME, CRYSTAL.
PROGRAMMED, MAX.
POWERXTREME!
SPLASHDOWN! NOW TO GET THOSE PEOPLE TO THAT BIG BOAT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.
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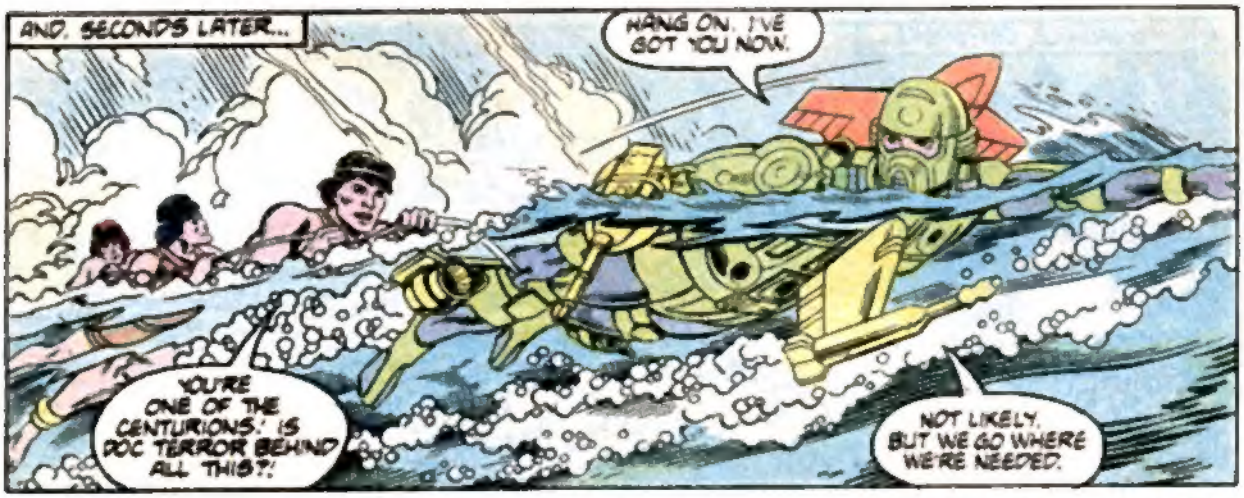
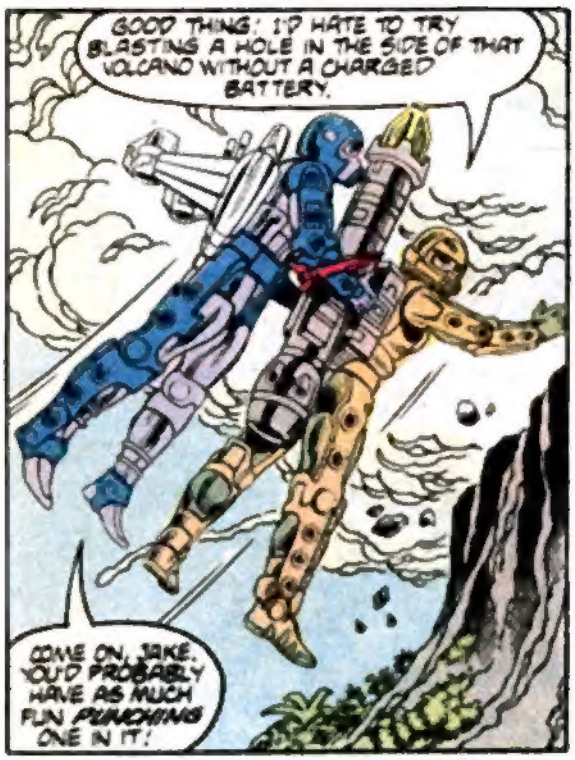
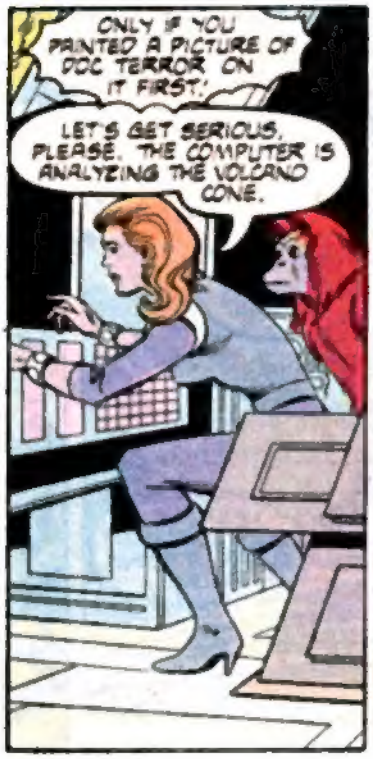

AND, SECONDS LATER...
HANG ON. I'VE GOT YOU NOW.
YOU'RE ONE OF THE CENTURIONS! IS DOC TERROR BEHIND ALL THIS?!
NOT LIKELY. BUT WE GO WHERE WE'RE NEEDED.

QUICKLY. CLIMB ABOARD AND GET THIS BOAT MOVING!

POWERXTREME!
FIREFORCE AND SKYKNIGHT OPERATIONAL, GENTLEMEN.


GOOD THING I'D HATE TO TRY BLASTING A HOLE IN THE SIDE OF THAT VOLCANO WITHOUT A CHARGED BATTERY.
COME ON, JAKE. YOU'D PROBABLY HAVE AS MUCH FUN PUNCHING ONE IN IT!


ONLY IF YOU PAINTED A PICTURE OF DOC TERROR ON IT FIRST!
LET'S GET SERIOUS, PLEASE. THE COMPUTER IS ANALYZING THE VOLCANO CONE.

I'LL HAVE COMPUTED A TARGET THAT WILL RELEASE THE PRESSURE INSIDE IT IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS.
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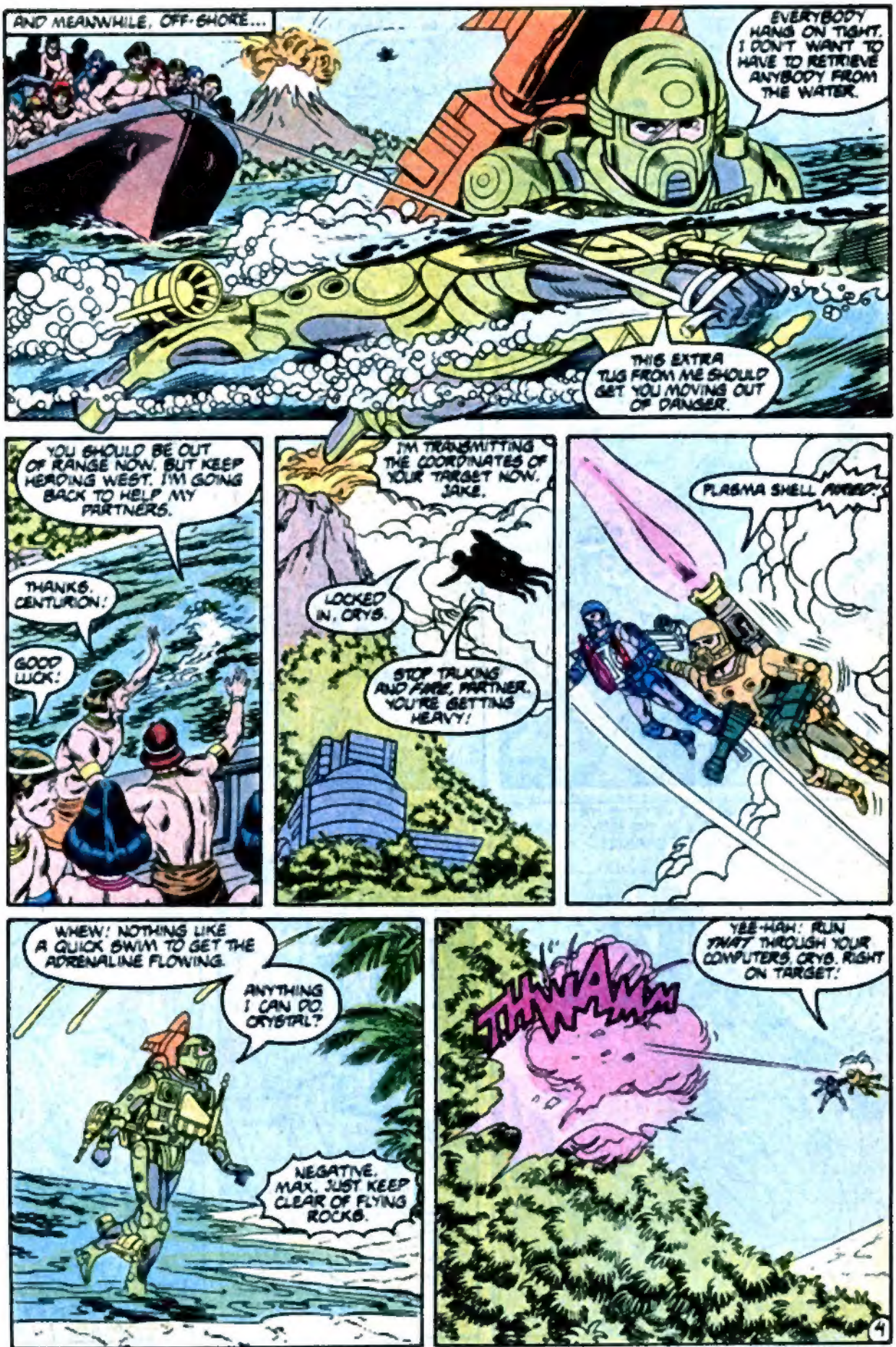
AND MEANWHILE, OFF-SHORE...
EVERYBODY HANG ON TIGHT. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO RETRIEVE ANYBODY FROM THE WATER.
THIS EXTRA TUG FROM ME SHOULD GET YOU MOVING OUT OF DANGER.
YOU SHOULD BE OUT OF RANGE NOW. BUT KEEP HEADING WEST. I'M GOING BACK TO HELP MY PARTNERS.
THANKS, CENTURION!
GOOD LUCK!
I'M TRANSMITTING THE COORDINATES OF YOUR TARGET NOW, JAKE.
LOCKED IN, CRYS.
STOP TALKING AND FIRE, PARTNER. YOU'RE GETTING HEAVY!
PLASMA SHELL ARMED!
WHEW! NOTHING LIKE A QUICK SWIM TO GET THE ADRENALINE FLOWING.
ANYTHING I CAN DO, CRYSTAL?
NEGATIVE, MAX. JUST KEEP CLEAR OF FLYING ROCKS.
THWAMM
YEE-HAH! RUN THAT THROUGH YOUR COMPUTERS, CRYS. RIGHT ON TARGET!
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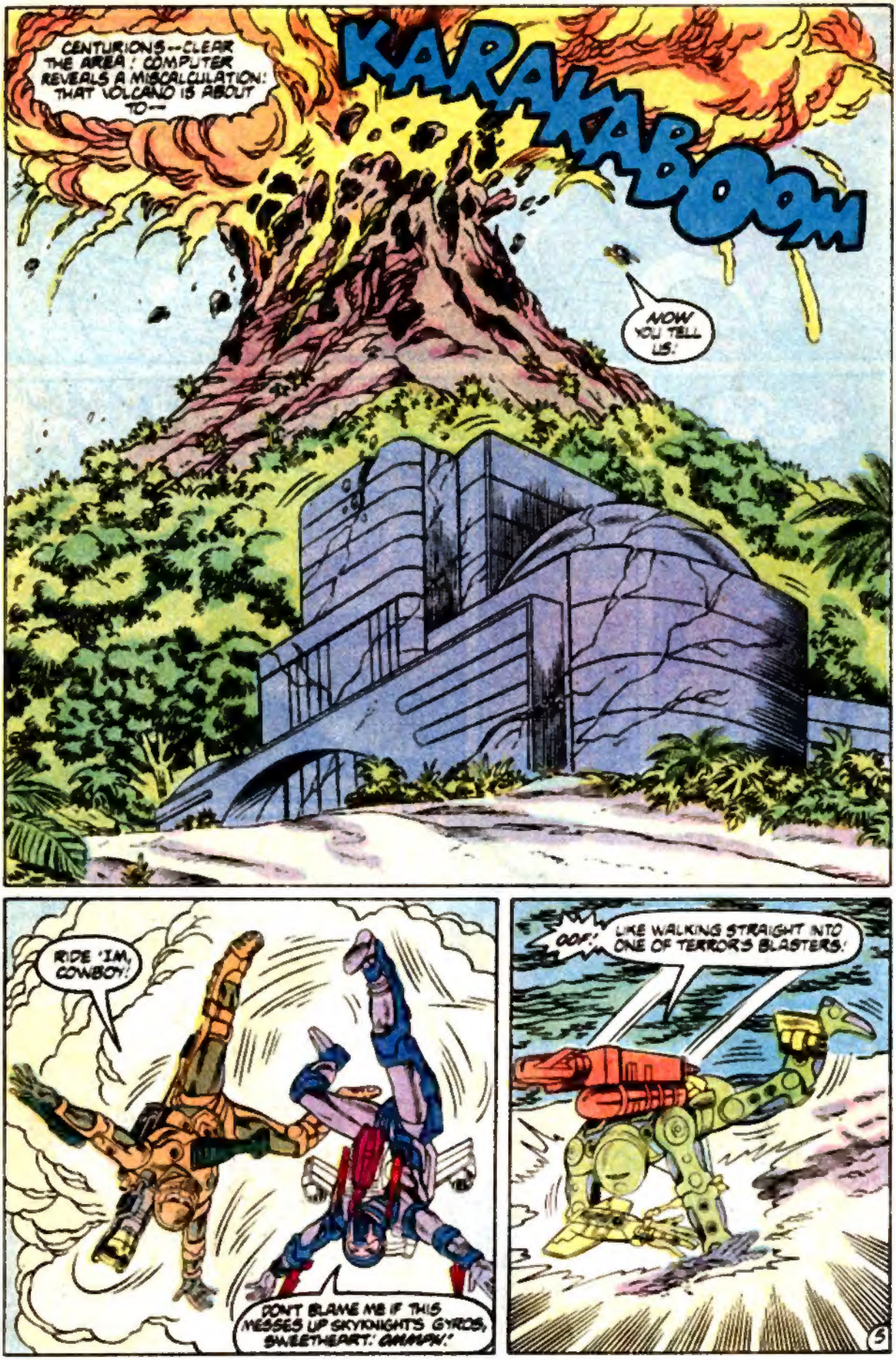
CENTURIONS--CLEAR THE AREA! COMPUTER REVEALS A MISCALCULATION! THAT VOLCANO IS ABOUT TO--
KARAKABOOM
NOW YOU TELL US!
RIDE 'IM, COWBOY!
DON'T BLAME ME IF THIS MESSES UP SKYKNIGHT'S GYROS, SWEETHEART! GAWWN!
OOF!
LIKE WALKING STRAIGHT INTO ONE OF TERROR'S BLASTERS!
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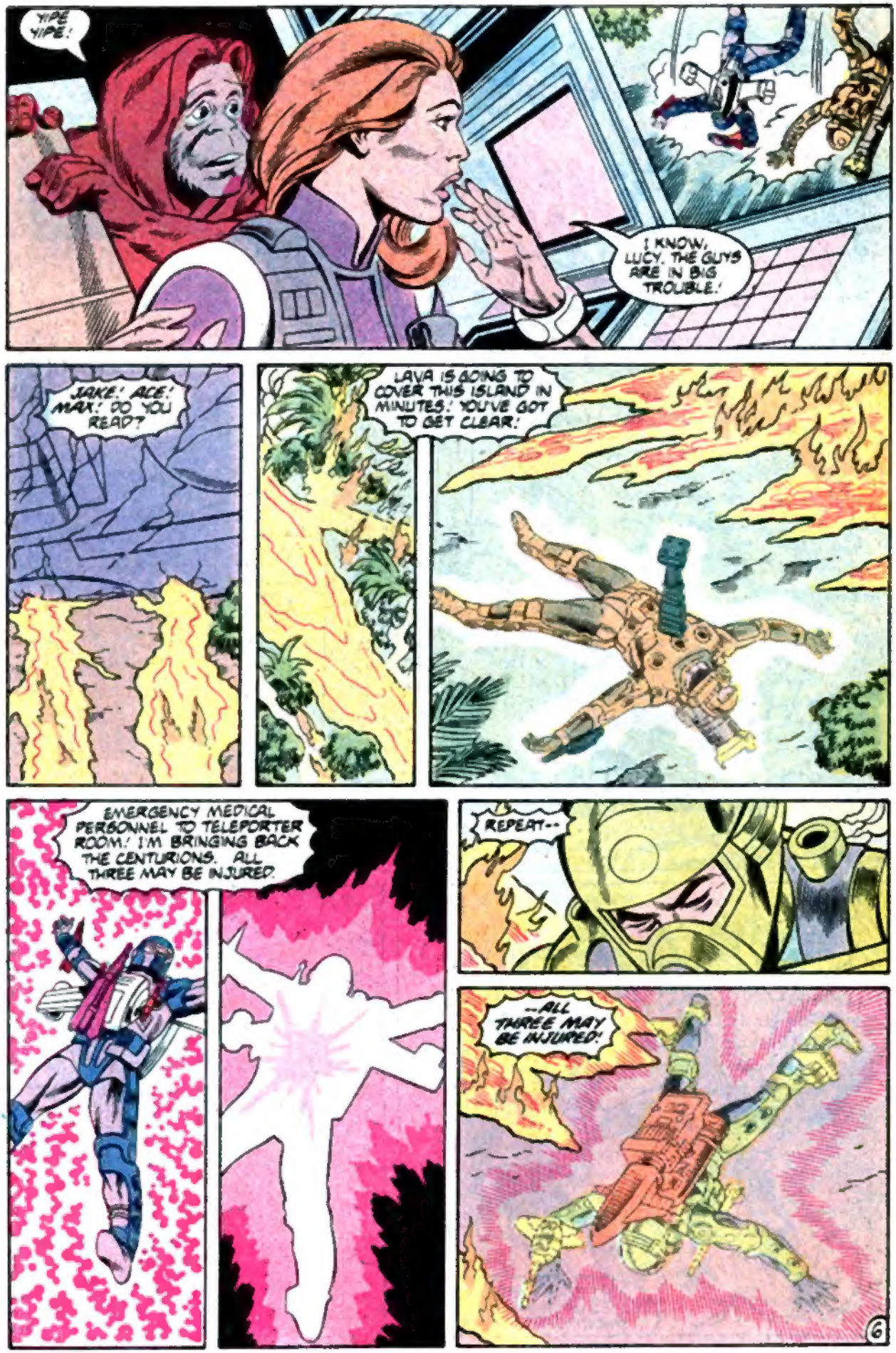
YIPE YIPE!
I KNOW, LUCY. THE GUYS ARE IN BIG TROUBLE!
JAKE! ACE! MAX! DO YOU READ?
LAVA IS GOING TO COVER THIS ISLAND IN MINUTES! YOU'VE GOT TO GET CLEAR!
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO TELEPORTER ROOM! I'M BRINGING BACK THE CENTURIONS. ALL THREE MAY BE INJURED.
REPEAT--
--ALL THREE MAY BE INJURED!
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LATER, IN THE CENTURIONS' BASE DEEP BENEATH NEW YORK CITY...
MORNING, GUYS. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?
WHAT?
FUNNY, I CAN'T HEAR ACE.
QUIT FOOLING AROUND, YOU GUYS. WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME?
WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE. FROM THE LOOK ON JAKE'S FACE, HE CAN'T HEAR ACE ANY MORE THAN I CAN.
WE'RE DEAF. WE'RE ALL DEAF.
GOOD MORNING, GUYS. THE DOCTORS TOLD ME YOU WERE AWAKE.
HONEY-BUNCH, DID YOU SAY YOU WERE HERE TO GIVE ME A KISS? I COULD REALLY USE ONE!
WURUFF
THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD IN MIND.
HAHAHAHAHA
WHAT'S SO FUNNY? AT LEAST SOMEBODY LOVES ME.
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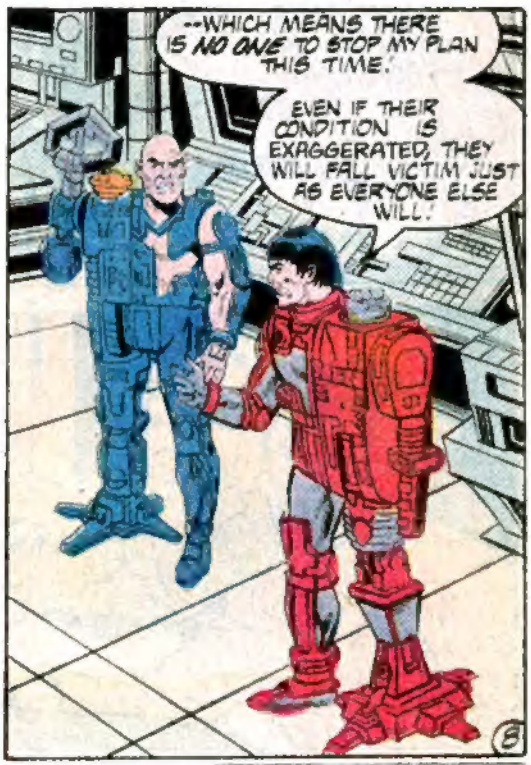
WRITING QUICKLY ON HER PAD, CRYSTAL EXPLAINS THE SITUATION...
THE SOUND OF THE ERUPTION TEMPORARILY DAMAGED YOUR EARDRUMS. UNTIL YOUR HEARING RETURNS...

I HOPE DOC TERROR DOESN'T GET WIND OF THIS.
YOUR CONDITION IS BEING KEPT TOP-SECRET. ONLY THE DOCTORS TREATING YOU AND MYSELF ARE AWARE OF IT.

BUT CRYSTAL MIGHT NOT BE SO SURE OF HERSELF IF SHE COULD LISTEN IN ON A CONVERSATION TAKING PLACE IN THE FROZEN REACHES OF THE ARCTIC...
BUT, DOC, THE TELEVIDEO SAID THE CENTURIONS WERE ON A VACATION!


--WHICH MEANS THERE IS NO ONE TO STOP MY PLAN THIS TIME!
EVEN IF THEIR CONDITION IS EXAGGERATED, THEY WILL FALL VICTIM JUST AS EVERYONE ELSE WILL!
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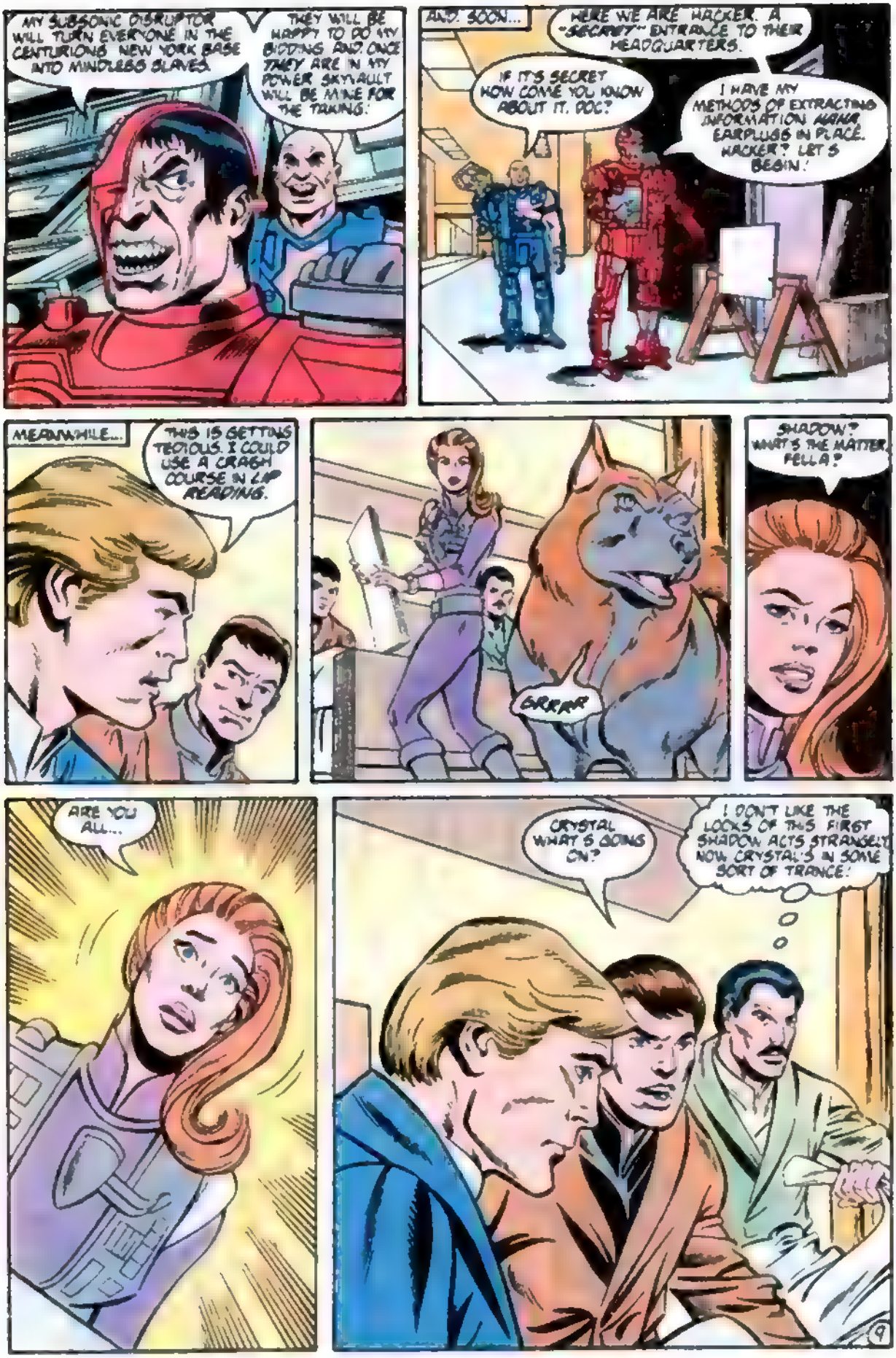
MY SUBSONIC DISRUPTOR WILL TURN EVERYONE IN THE CENTURIONS NEW YORK BASE INTO MINDLESS SLAVES.
THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO DO MY BIDDING AND ONCE THEY ARE IN MY POWER SKYVAULT WILL BE MINE FOR THE TAKING.
AND SOON...
HERE WE ARE HACKER. A "SECRET" ENTRANCE TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS.
IF IT'S SECRET HOW COME YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, DOC?
I HAVE MY METHODS OF EXTRACTING INFORMATION. AHHH EARPLUGS IN PLACE. HACKER? LET'S BEGIN.
MEANWHILE...
THIS IS GETTING TEDIOUS. I COULD USE A CRASH COURSE IN LIP READING.
GRRRR
SHADOW? WHAT'S THE MATTER FELLA?
ARE YOU ALL...
CRYSTAL WHAT'S GOING ON?
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS FIRST SHADOW ACTS STRANGELY NOW CRYSTAL'S IN SOME SORT OF TRANCE!
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YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE TO HEAR ME TO KNOW WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY—
—WE'VE GOT BIG TROUBLE!
WITHOUT A WORD, THE THREE CENTURIONS HEAD FOR THE CONTROL AREA OF THE UNDERGROUND FACILITY...
GREAT! WHATEVER ZAPPED CRYSTAL HAS ALSO AFFECTED EVERYBODY IN HERE!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMP-...SH MUCH DRESSED LIKE THIS.
AND EVEN AS THE CENTURIONS PONDER THE PROBLEM, THEY DO NOT NOTICE THE MOVEMENTS OF ONE TECHNICIAN...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS, BUT I'D FEEL MUCH SAFER WEARING AN EXO-FRAME...
...ARMED WITH FULL BATTLE GEAR!
WE'VE GOT TO CONTACT SKYVAULT. LET THEM KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN HERE.

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ACE McCLOUD CALLING SKYVAULT. COME IN. SKYVAULT.
SKYVAULT HERE. REQUEST CODE WORD IDENTIFICATION.
BEAM DOWN EXO-FRAMES IMMEDIATELY. SKYVAULT.
THIS IS SKYVAULT. WE REPEAT--CODE WORD IDENTIFICATION IS NECESSARY.
ACE McCLOUD CALLING SKYVAULT. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION.
WITHOUT PROPER CODE WORD WE MUST ASSUME THIS IS AN UNAUTHORIZED TRANSMISSION.
SEND US OUR EXO-FRAMES IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION HERE. REPEAT--EMERGENCY SITUATION.
ATTENTION. UNAUTHORIZED TRANSMITTER. YOU ARE TO CEASE THIS FREQUENCY IMMEDIATELY...
...OR FACE THE PENALTIES OF THE LAW. WE ARE TERMINATING COMMUNICATIONS WITH YOU.
...ACE McCLOUD! DO NOT CUT ME OFF! DO NOT--
NUTS! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO TALK TO THEM WHEN I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING THEY'RE SAYING
FORGET IT ACE. WE'RE ON OUR OWN.
TRY TO READ HIM. PS 3 WE'VE GOT TO HANDLE THIS OURSELVES
WHOOOSH
...OOK. THE SECURITY ACCESS DOORS OPENING--
WE SHOULD HAVE GUESSED
WHO ELSE COULD BE BEHIND THIS BUT...
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DOC TERROR!
SO CENTURIONS, YOU HAVE SOMEHOW MADE YOUR SELVES IMMUNE TO MY SONIC DISRUPTOR BUT THAT WILL NOT STOP US FROM FINALLY DESTROYING YOU
WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE NOW, GUYS.
A HASTY RETREAT APPEARS TO BE IN ORDER HERE
I'D LOVE TO TAKE YOU ON RIGHT NOW, TERROR BUT YOU'D PROBABLY FIGURE YOU WERE OUTSMATCHED
SPLAAAAM!
STOP STARING AT HIM JAKE AND MOVE!
WHY DO I KEEP TALKING? HE CAN'T HEAR ME!
DOC--THEY'RE GETTING AWAY AGAIN.
THEN STOP SINKING LIKE AN IDIOT AND CHASE THEM!
I WANT THEM DESTROYED!
OH GOOD DEA DOC
FLEE LIKE THE COWARDLY PIGS YOU ARE CENTURIONS I'LL TRACK YOU DOWN WHEREVER YOU HIDE
HACKER YOU'RE NOT ONLY UGLY BUT YOU'RE A LOUSY SHOT TOO.
WE'VE GOT TO ACT FAST AND SWITCH THESE ODDS
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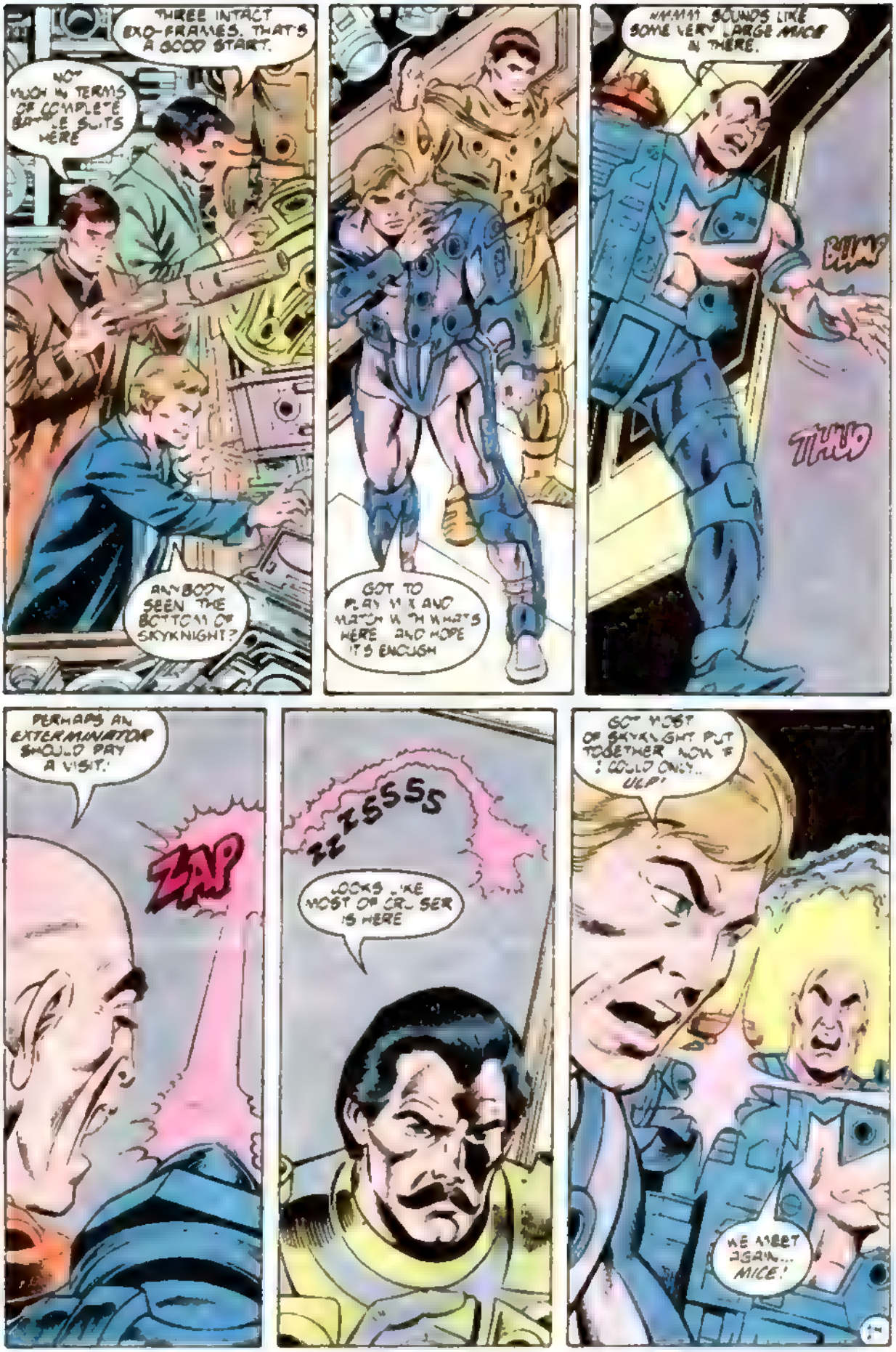
WE SHOULD SPLIT UP.
IF WE TAKE DIFFERENT ROUTES, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW US ALL.
I'M CATCHING ON TO LIP READING. THE GUYS ARE HEADING FOR THE STOREROOM BY DIFFERENT ROUTES.
EVEN IF HACKER MANAGES TO LASSO ONE OF US, THE OTHER TWO WILL GET TO THE STOREROOM.
WHICH WAY HAVE YOU GONE, LITTLE MICE? I LOVE TO CHASE YOU...
...BUT I'LL LOVE CATCHING YOU EVEN MORE!
WHICH WAY?
I CHOOSE...
... THIS WAY!
AND, MOMENTS LATER...
I TOOK THE HIGH ROAD YOU TOOK THE LOW ROAD... AND WE ALL GOT HERE TOGETHER.
BINGO! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE HIT THE JACKPOT, GUYS.


THREE INTACT EXO-FRAMES. THAT'S A GOOD START.
NOT MUCH IN TERMS OF COMPLETE BATTLE SUITS HERE
ANYBODY SEEN THE BOTTOM OF SKYKNIGHT?
GOT TO PLAY MIX AND MATCH WITH WHAT'S HERE AND HOPE IT'S ENOUGH
MMM! SOUNDS LIKE SOME VERY LARGE MICE IN THERE.
BUMP
THUD
PERHAPS AN EXTERMINATOR SHOULD PAY A VISIT.
ZAP
ZZZSSSS
LOOKS LIKE MOST OF CRUSER IS HERE
GOT MOST OF SKYKNIGHT PUT TOGETHER NOW IF I COULD ONLY... ULP!
WE MEET AGAIN... MICE!

TAKE A HIKE, HACKER.
BLAMMO
AARGH!
THERE'S NOT MUCH ROOM FOR FLYING DOWN HERE. THAT'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.
I CAN'T HEAR WHAT YOU'RE COMPLAINING ABOUT. BUT WE'VE GOT TO SPLIT UP AGAIN AND TRY TO CAPTURE TERROR
LOOK, GUYS, WE'LL WORK BEST IF WE SPLIT UP AND TRY TO CAPTURE TERROR.
STOP TALKING LIKE WE CAN HEAR ONE ANOTHER. LET'S SPLIT UP AND TRY TO GET TERROR!
A WHILE ANOTHER WHERE? WORD THE CENTURIONS HEAD IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS THROUGH THEIR UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS...
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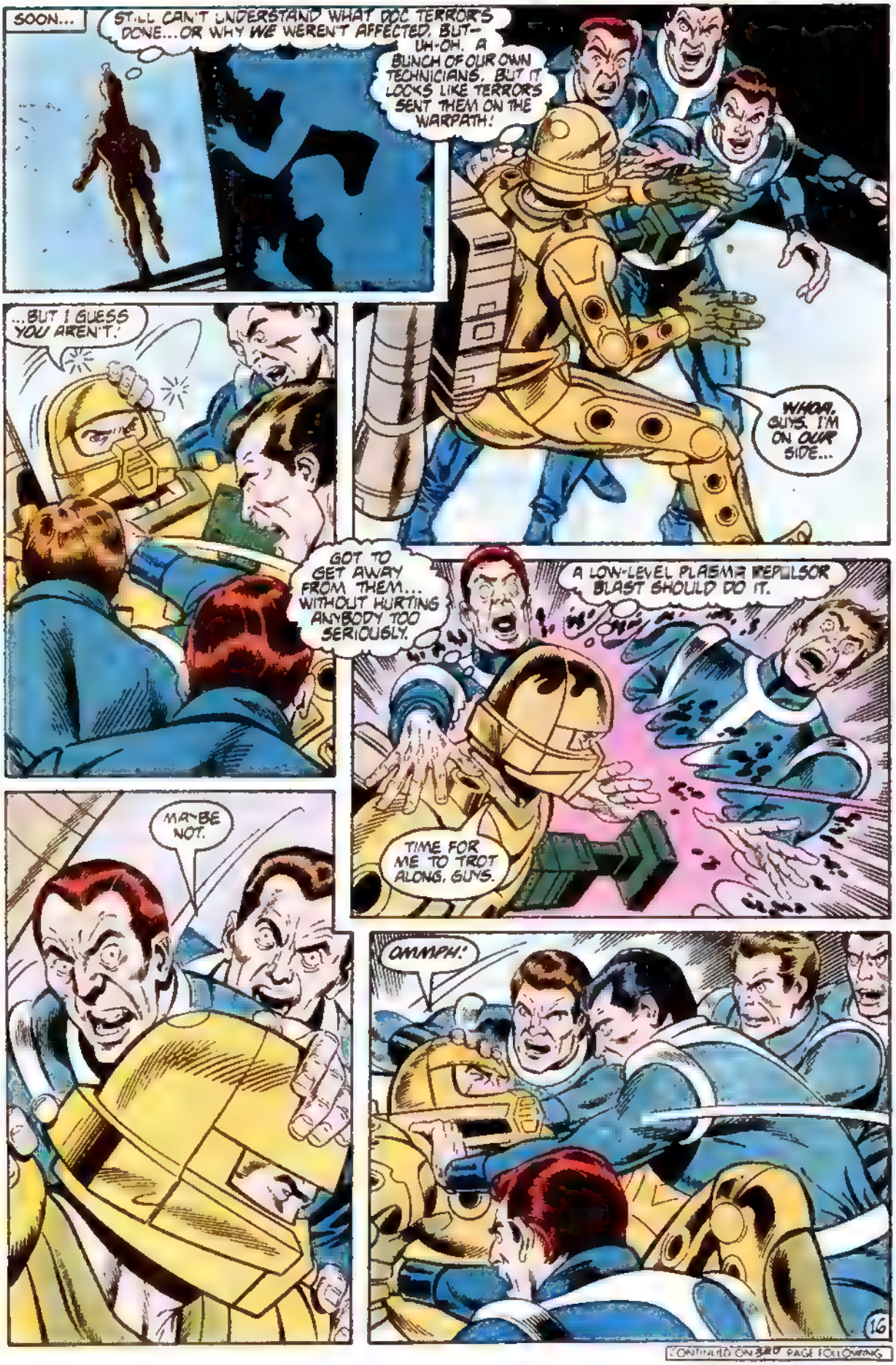
SOON...
STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT DOC TERROR'S DONE...OR WHY WE WEREN'T AFFECTED. BUT--
UH-OH. A BUNCH OF OUR OWN TECHNICIANS. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE TERROR'S SENT THEM ON THE WARPATH!
WHOA, GUYS. I'M ON OUR SIDE...
...BUT I GUESS YOU AREN'T.
GOT TO GET AWAY FROM THEM... WITHOUT HURTING ANYBODY TOO SERIOUSLY.
A LOW-LEVEL PLASMA REPULSOR BLAST SHOULD DO IT.
TIME FOR ME TO TROT ALONG, GUYS.
MAYBE NOT.
OMMPH!
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MEANWHILE...
WE CAN'T SPEND ALL DAY RUNNING AWAY FROM THESE GUYS. GOT TO FIND SOME WAY TO LOSE THEM
NOT THIS WAY!
LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THIS MESS IS UP!
THWAMM
WOW! GREAT. I FLEW RIGHT INTO THE CEILING
CAN'T CONTROL MY FLIGHT THE DAMAGE TO MY EARS MUST'VE THROWN OFF MY SENSE OF BALANCE TOO
TRY TO REGAIN CONTROL OF YOURSELVES, MEN. I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.
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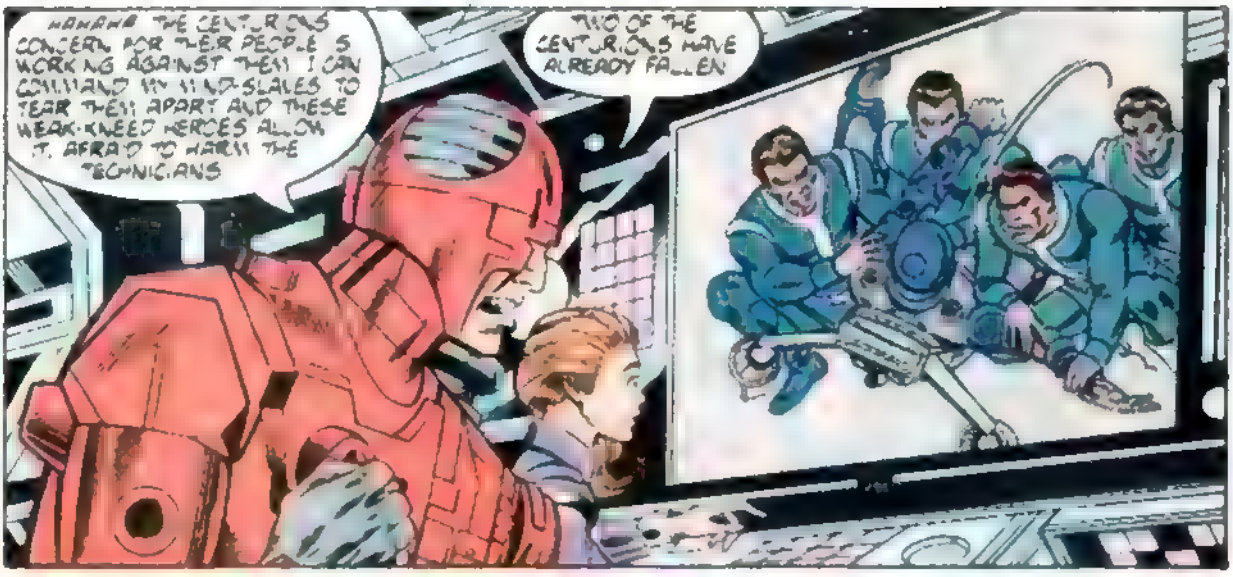
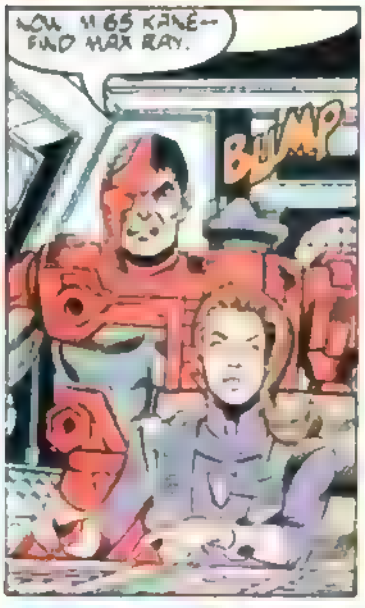
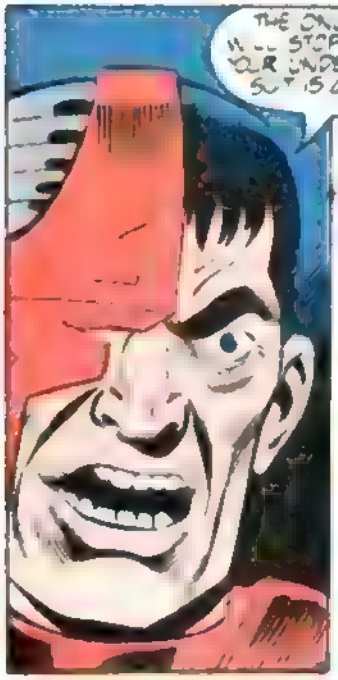

HONAMA THE CENTURIONS CONCERN FOR THEIR PEOPLE IS WORKING AGAINST THEM! I CAN COMMAND MY MIND-SLAVES TO TEAR THEM APART AND THESE WEAK-KNEED HEROES ALLOW IT, AFRAID TO HARM THE TECHNICIANS
TWO OF THE CENTURIONS HAVE ALREADY FALLEN


NOW, MISS KANE--FIND MAX RAY.
BUMP

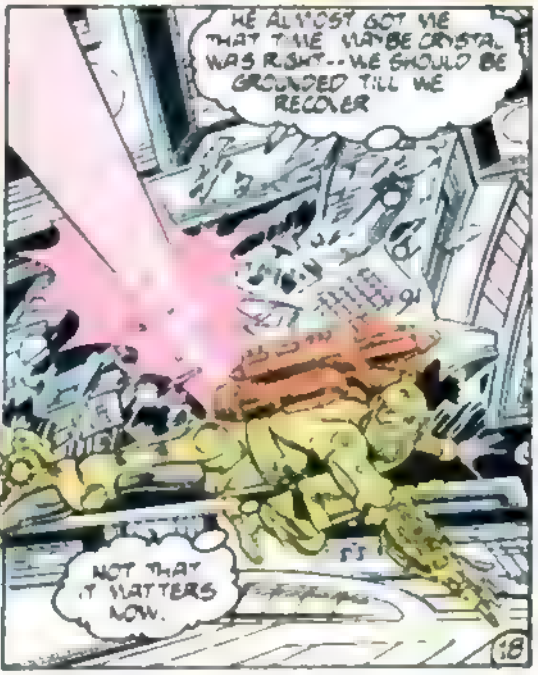
WHAT'S THAT?

GAVIES OVER TERROR.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING TERROR BUT IT'S GOING TO STOP RIGHT NOW!


THE ONLY THING THAT W... STOPS YOU, CENTURION YOUR UNDERWATER BATTLE SUIT IS USELESS HERE

BLAM!
BLAM!


HE ALMOST GOT ME THAT TIME. MAYBE CRYSTAL WAS RIGHT--WE SHOULD BE GROUNDED TILL WE RECOVER
NOT THAT IT MATTERS NOW.

MY TURN TERROR!
SWOOSH!
HAHAHA YOUR A.I. IS PITIFUL CENTURION
WHOOSH!
OOO..
DID YOU EXPECT THE ROOM TO FILL WITH WATER SO YOU COULD UTILIZE YOUR WEAPONS SYSTEM?
YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT RAISE THIS BATTLE TO A LEVEL OF ABSURDITY!
I'M SURE GLAD YOU LIKE TO TALK TERROR--
WHAT?!
--BECAUSE WHILE YOU BABBLE A QUICK BLAST FROM MY HYDROTHRUSTERS SHOULD ACCOMPLISH MY AIMS.
NO!
SHUFFF
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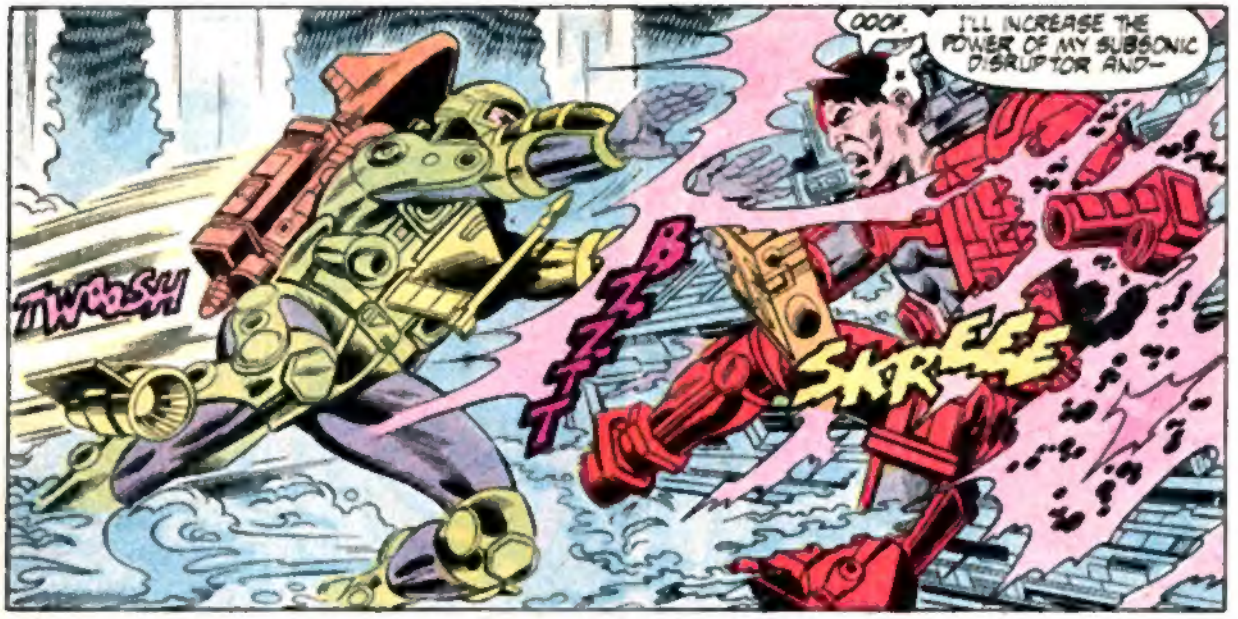

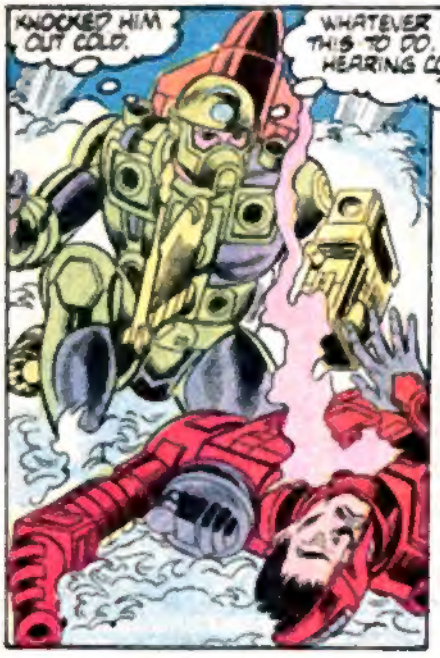

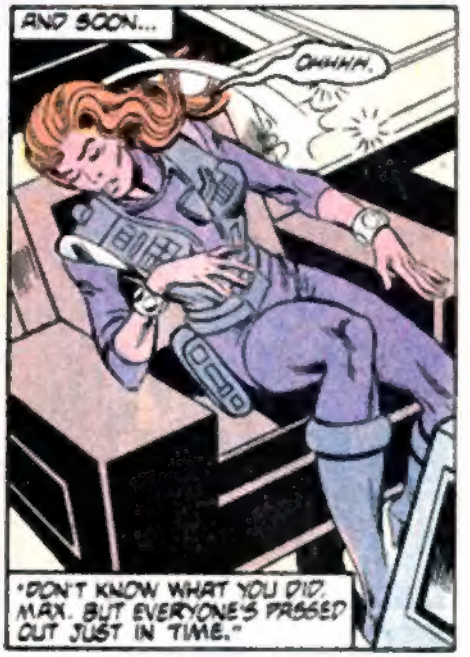

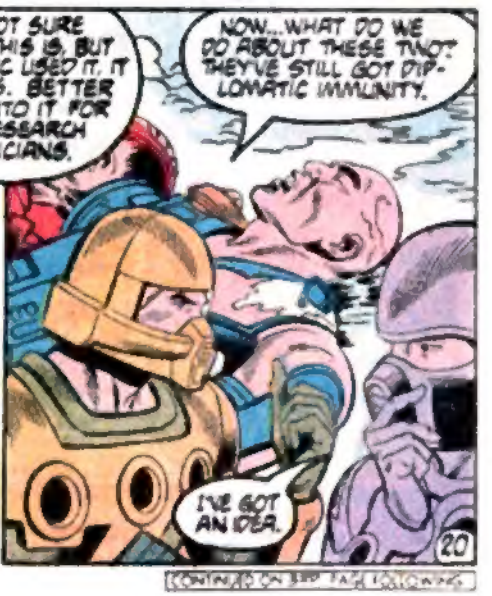

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SHORTLY, IN THE MAIL PROCESSING ROOM...
SHOULD WE THROW IN SOME SHREDDED NEWSPAPER...AND LETTUCE?
MAKE SURE YOU GET THE MAILING ADDRESS RIGHT. AND DON'T FORGET THE ZIP CODE!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
SO LONG, FELLAS. BE SURE TO NOT DROP BY WHEN YOU'RE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AGAIN!
INTEREXPRESS
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY ANYWHERE ON EARTH
AND NOW I THINK WE CAN GET OUT OF THESE HODGEPODGE BATTLE SUITS.
LATER...
WELL, LOOK WHO'S FINALLY DECIDED TO WAKE UP. DREAMING OF ME, GORGEOUS?
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU THREE DOING? HOW'D YOU GET THOSE EXO-FRAMES?
WHY AREN'T YOU IN THE SICK BAY?
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I TOLD YOU YOU WERE ALL GROUNDED UNTIL YOUR HEARING RETURNED.
BACK TO BED, NOW-- MARCH!
CRYSTAL DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED.
WE'LL PLAY LIKE WE'RE STILL DEAF.
WHAT A GREAT GAG.
OHHH.
WHERE AM I?
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN HIT BY A TRUCK.
MAX? ACE? JAKE? WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AROUND HERE?
SORRY, CRYSTAL-- WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.
WE WOULDN'T WANT TO STRAIN OURSELVES EXPLAINING IT.
MAYBE WHEN WE GET OUR HEARING BACK.
WAIT A MINUTE. IF YOU CAN'T HEAR...
...HOW COULD YOU ANSWER ME?
GUYS?
THE END

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